

ON THE UNDERGROUND.

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professed to have become entirely befuddled by as clear and obviously simple an example of paying prices as this—the contract price to the city for paving a street on the east side of town was approximately \$1.75 a yard net, this quotation covering the putting in of a concrete base six inches deep, a binder on top of that over an inch thick and an asphalt top of an inch and a half or two inches. The city is charged at the rate of \$1.87 a yard for the resurfacing of those portions of the paved district about town, when the holes get too dangerous,—this resurfacing consisting in putting down an inch and a half or a two-inch asphalt top only.

Such stupidity among councilmen is enough to tax the patience of the best disposition of the best contract getter any town ever had.

No incident of the current year in Salt Lake has been so keenly enjoyed and appreciated among some of the councilmen and contractors as the report prevalent about the city early this week that a subscription list was going the rounds of the business and professional men of means, the proceeds of which were to be used in bringing to Salt Lake the detective, Burns, and several of his associates who aided him so effectively in scrambling the eggs in San Francisco's municipal affairs a year or so ago. It was finally reported as ascertained that but three or four wealthy men had signed the subscription. The rumor created a great deal of merry discussion, however, some of it even extending to the beat walkers of the police force, who, having long since given up the problem of ascertaining whether they are going or coming, under the orders that emanate from headquarters, have more time for lawfiter than in other days.

The Associated Press carried news Tuesday of this week that the Socialistic administration in Milwaukee had uncovered and put an end to graft in street paving contracts in that city amounting to \$152,000 a year.

This is another instance of the unsettled conditions arising from changes in municipal administrations and in such a light it is almost impossible for anyone who likes to see a town pursue the even tenor of its ways, free from eruptive incidents, to view the coming change of government here to the commission form, with much enthusiasm.

Most of the Weber club is coming down from Ogden today to meet the Commercial club. They are going to meet them first at the club and then go to Cooley's park where they are going to play a little game of ball at three thirty, and the members of both the clubs, who are in the running after the game, will return to the Commercial club where there will be plenty of good things to eat, a fine program and a lengthy discussion on the question of whether Ogden and Salt Lake

will go wet or dry. It is already decided what the result of the discussion will be when the club members get together, and it is hoped by the members that the vote will be but a shadow of the coming event of Tuesday next.

Town Talk of San Francisco is telling a good story on the "Family Club," the emblem of which is the stork. It says: One of these busy birds is shown in stained glass at the entrance to the Family Club in Powell street near Bush. A few nights ago some of Herman Heller's musicians at the St. Francis who had been playing a special engagement at the Fairmont were returning to the former hotel. "This is the Family Club," said one of them casually as they passed the club house. "s it?" returned another in unfeigned astonishment, looking at the emblem in the stained glass. "I always thought it was a maternity hospital."

The ground breaking celebration of the Panama-California Exposition to be held in San Diego July 19th to 22nd gives promise of attracting the largest crowd that southern California has seen in many years. The affair has grown into a national affair. President Taft will have a representative at the celebration and it will be his hand that will send an electric greeting which will unfurl flags all over San Diego and announce to the world that California has opened its proposed celebration of the completion of the Panama canal in 1915. The formal exercises opened on July 19 with the turning of the first sod on the site of the exposition in Balboa Park by Governor Johnson. This part of the program has been arranged and will be under the direction of the officials of the Exposition.

The four days of pageantry and carnival will offer an unique attraction to visitors. The Mission parade itself is attracting wide attention and is being taken up by church authorities all over the coast. The historic pageant will be the first effort made to deal with the history of the Spanish occupation and all of the interesting data complete that marked the epoch from the discovery of the Pacific Ocean to the advent of the Franciscan fathers and their missions and the coming of the Gringo.

Charles Frohman, manager of Billie Burke, is considering the advisability of allowing her to appear in Paris next season in a French play in the part of an English girl who speaks broken French.

If Billie goes to Paris, Frohman will, of course, have the English and American rights for the same play, and after a season or two abroad and one in New York, we may possibly see her about again, say about 1915.

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